

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 24 and 32-70 are pending. Claims 1-23 and 25-31 are canceled without prejudice to renewal. Applicants reserve all rights to file divisional applications or other related applications directed to any and all nonelected claims. New claims 32-70 are added. The invention of new claims 32-70 are within the scope of the invention of Group I, because the substrate of claim 24 can be a probe.

Support for new claims 32-62 can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed. For example, support for claims 32-33 can be found on, *e.g.*, pages 8 and pages 30-31. Support for claims 34-38 can be found on, *e.g.*, pages 38-48 of the specification. Support for claims 38 and 39 can be found on, *e.g.*, pages 34-36 of the specification. Support for claim 41 can be found on, *e.g.*, page 26. Support for claims 42-49 can be found on, *e.g.*, pages 28 and 38-48 of the specification. Support for claim 50 can be found throughout the specification (*see, e.g.*, pages 7, 26, 30, *etc.*). Support for claims 51-56 can be found on, *e.g.*, pages 27-28 of the specification. Support for claims 57-62 can be found on, *e.g.*, pages 26-28. Support for claims 63-70 is found, for example, at pages 27-29 and 38-48 in the specification.

As such, newly added claims 32-62 are fully supported by the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed and, thus, no new matter has been introduced by the present Amendment.

CONCLUSION

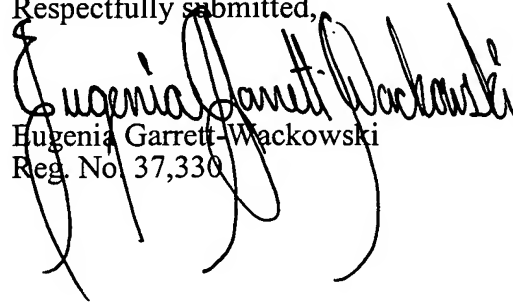
In view of the foregoing, examination at an early date is respectfully requested.

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PATENT

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eugenia Garrett-Wackowski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Eugenia" being the most prominent.

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